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## The Name Change

### Majority of Alumni Favor The Name Mary Washington University

By JAMES TRAMEL  
Viewpoints Editor

Sixty-six percent of James Monroe Center students and alumni prefer "Mary Washington University" as the name for the college once it moves to university status.

That was the principle finding in the latest opinion survey conducted by the college and it matches the results of an alumni survey released last spring that showed a similar preference for "Mary Washington University."

On Wednesday, the Faculty Senate overwhelmingly approved to recommend the name "Mary Washington University" to the Board of Visitors.

Members of the Senate proposed different wording to a proposal that was approved by the vast majority of the Senate. Only two audible dissenters were heard.

At the September name committee meeting, members of the president's College Image and University Name Committee discussed the findings at their September meeting and voted to move "Mary Washington University" forward as one of three finalists. The others are "Washington and Monroe University" and "Washington University in (or of) Virginia," which received less support by James Monroe Center students.

The Image and Name committee will meet again Oct. 21 to continue their discussion of the names and plans to make a recommendation to Mary Washington College President William Anderson in

November.

Members of the Name and Image Committee showed little enthusiasm for any of the finalist names, however.

"This new information is not much help," said J. William Poole, a member of the Board of Visitors.

Sixty-six percent of alumni and students surveyed from the James Monroe Center and 57 percent of Mary Washington College alumni chose the name Mary Washington University over all other options.

After a consultant provided the results of the latest survey, committee members spent an hour brainstorming other names besides the five presented.

"We know who we are, but we just can't say," said Jean P. Hanky, class of 1969 and a member of the Mary Washington College Foundation Board. "I want to find something that inspires those who hear it, something like Coastal Carolina."

Dori G. Eglevsky, rector of the Board of Visitors, said she agreed. She suggested Virginia Heritage University and Washington University.

Upon discovering that Washington University, a school located in St. Louis, was taken, Eglevsky suggested Washington University in or of Virginia.

Some students also suggested names.

Senior Kristin Orstead, the newly elected president of the Student Government Association suggested the name Mary Washington College. However, Kathleen S.

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Senior Michael Hagan, Junior Jeff Holmes, Senior Kristin Orstead and Senior Shawn Gremminger answer questions at the Student Government Association's Voter Information Night.

## Election Results Are In!

By BETH WINGARD  
Staff Writer

Mary Washington College has a new student government association president and four new class council members.

On Thursday Sept. 25 it was announced that former SGA vice-president Kristin Orstead, would be moving up to the position of president after Thursday's vote.

After a run-off election, also held on Thursday, Tessa Merna was voted freshman class council president and Kim Church was voted freshman secretary/treasurer.

"Class Council held two elections this past week," Class Council President Matt Kapuscinski said. "The original election was held on Monday, in which 274 freshmen voted. Because no candidate received 50 percent of the vote for the offices of president and secretary/treasurer, a runoff election was held for those offices on Thursday with 196 freshmen voted."

In the original election on Monday freshmen Jenna Baker and Maggie

Kelley were elected to the offices of freshman class council vice-president and promotions director.

Not only was Thursday's run-off election for freshman class council unplanned, so was the race for SGA president.

Former SGA president Rebecca Turnbull was charged with embezzeling \$1,630 from student organizations. Turnbull allegedly forged two checks, one for \$1300 and the other for \$330. She is accused of writing these checks to herself from the Association of Residence Halls account while serving as the ARH president. Turnbull had run unopposed for the office of SGA president in April of last year.

Orstead said she hopes to make a difference.

"I believe that I have a lot of new ideas about how to increase both the visibility and accessibility of the Student Government Association to the student body," she said. "I enjoy speaking with other students about issues that are important to them. If something is important to one person, it is important to me. I will do my best to work on making sure every student's voice is voiced to SGA officers and to the administration."

Many students said they have realized that they need to voice their opinions if they want their student government to be run the way they desire. This is evidenced in voter turnout alone.

Erin Price, a member of the SGA rules and procedures committee, said 720 students voted in Thursday's election which was a significant increase from the 443 voters in the election in the spring semester.

Orstead had 292 of those votes winning by a margin of 104 votes.

Price told all of the candidates they should proud of themselves for getting the word out about the election.

Orstead said she wants this kind of student involvement to stay peaked.

"I would like to see more students interested in what the Student Government is doing for them," she said. "This can only be accomplished by making sure that the SGA is working on

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## A Three Percent Issue

### Faculty Senate Discusses Salary Discrepancy

By ANDREW HALL  
Assistant News Editor

The Faculty Senate is working to reconcile a salary discrepancy between faculty and administrators and classified employees. The state legislature recently approved a 2.25 percent salary increase for all state employees, according to a recent speech by President Anderson.

The college is using tuition money to add an extra three percent to this increase for teaching faculty and administrators, Anderson said in the same speech.

Workers who fall under the category of "classified employees," such as groundskeepers and janitors, are not receiving this three percent increase in salary, according to Executive Vice President Richard Hurley. This discrepancy has prompted criticism from faculty leaders.

"Every attempt should be made to rectify what is basically an unfair and unjust situation," said Faculty Senate President-Elect Denis Nissim-Sabat.

"I think there are really class divisions being created here," Nissim-Sabat said. "[I] felt uncomfortable with that and that's why I brought it to the Faculty Senate. And I don't think we want to be creating divisions between

faculty and classified employees. My position was that, in fact, certainly we all do different things, we get reimbursed at different levels, however I don't think we want people's standard of living basically to be hurt because they are from a particular class. Everybody has a right to have a decent standard of living."

Ernest Ackermann, president of the Faculty Senate, said the Senate asked the Faculty Affairs Committee to speak with the president and the Board of Visitors to see if it was possible to change the three percent disparity.

"We were, I think, just reacting to the difference that was unfortunate or even inappropriate that there would be a difference like that," he said.

Ackermann said he is uncertain of the solution to the salary discrepancy.

"We don't know what the financial situation of the college is, where there's extra money and actually whether the college can actually do that or not," he said.

Nissim-Sabat said he is also uncertain of a solution but wants some kind of compensation.

"Whether it's a bonus of a thousand dollars, whether it's step increases for classified employees, whether it's the use of money from

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## Students Object To Towed Cars

By TERESA GEARY  
Staff Writer

all the student cars impounded and their locations.

The lot was reserved for the Alumni Association from 6 p.m. Friday through 6 p.m. Saturday. Six signs were posted, spread between the four entrances.

Students were angered by the mass tow.

Senior Kelli O'Quinn, Willard Hall president, assumed the responsibility of organizing the student outcry.

"Thirty-five people do not choose to ignore a sign," she said. "If you have to tow 35 people, it means they didn't see the sign."

According to O'Quinn, "The MWC college police and administration had the burden to provide adequate and proper notice to the college students. They failed to meet this burden in a number of ways."

Students were upset because they felt campus police provided insufficient warning of the lot closing. No email was sent, nor were

**"We feel that our rights as students of Mary Washington College and our rights as citizens have been violated."**

-Kelli O'Quinn

## Inside MWC...



Field hockey defeats Roanoke 2-0, page 7.

Local tanning trend spreads to MWC, page 4.



## Verbatim...

"You students are beautiful, you're young. You don't feel like anything will catch up with you, but it will."

-Shirley Brainer, owner of Spray Tan Express, pg. 5



## Police Beat

By ADINA YOUNG  
Staff Writer



**Sept. 20**—At 4:13 p.m., it was reported that food was missing from the refrigerators of two rooms in New Hall. Campus police said the rooms were left unlocked between Sept. 19 and Sept. 20. The case is under investigation.

**Sept. 26**—At 12:45 a.m., it was reported that a 20-year-old male student from Bushnell Hall was intoxicated in Marshall Hall. Campus police said the student had consumed at least 15 beers. The student was referred to administration.

**Sept. 26**—At 9:49 p.m., a fire alarm went off on the first of Alvey Hall. Campus police said the source was found to be a fan from a room that was not functioning properly. The Fredericksburg Fire Department ventilated the building of smoke and the police took possession of the fan to ensure it would not be used again.

**Sept. 26**—At 1 p.m., it was reported that on Sept. 24 at around 9:20 a.m., an 18-year-old female student left her purse in Eagles Nest

and went to class. Campus police said when she returned to Eagles Nest her purse was gone. Neither her credit card nor her cell phone have been used. The case is under investigation.

**Sept. 27**—At 5:40 p.m., it was reported that unknown persons had emptied 2 fire extinguishers from the 2nd floor kitchen into the east stairwell of Mason Hall. Campus police said the fire extinguishers were recovered by the Department of Environmental Health and Safety Department. There are currently no suspects and/or witnesses. The case is under investigation.

**Sept. 27**—At 6:35 p.m., four females from four different residents halls, reported that after working out in Goolrick gym, all of them had items stolen from three of their lockers. Campus police said all of their lockers were left unlocked. Items stolen include \$75 dollars in U.S. currency, and various items of jewelry. The case is under investigation.

## Biggest Turnout In History

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issues that students feel strongly about. One thing that SGA officers are going to be working on this year is making sure that we communicate with the students to let them know what we have accomplished in order to make Mary Washington a better place for everyone."

The theme of making Mary Washington College a better place for everyone is very prevalent in the plans of the freshman class council members.

Freshman President Tessa Merna said she feels this year's freshman class council is ideal.

"The Dream Team" [class of 2007 officers] all live on the third floor of Virginia Hall," she said.

"All four of us started out the election together making our banners; we campaigned together and won together. I'm so happy that Jenna, Kim and Maggie won. They are amazing girls and we are going to have an incredible time on class council together."

But the officers realize that it is not going to be all fun and games.

"All freshman should know that I am able to listen to their wants and concerns at any time."

Vice President Jenna Baker said, "And I will do my best in getting what they want and deserve."

Secretary/Treasurer Kim Church agrees.

"I am always available with an ear open," she said. "Anyone who has a problem I wish them to contact me through e-mail, phone, or even in person. I may not be able to help with every problem, but hopefully I can direct them to the appropriate people."

While everyone elected is glad to have won, they can't help but be pleased that more and more students are showing enthusiasm about being a member of student government.

"I just think everyone should be proud of their efforts, Even if they didn't win," Freshman Promotions Director Maggie Kelley said. "This year had the biggest turnout of candidates for class council elections ever. That's an awesome achievement."

Orsted held the same sentiment for her SGA opponents.

"All of the candidates for SGA President had fresh ideas and enthusiasm for Student Government," she said. "I know that each of them would have done a great job working for the best interest of the student body."

## Students To Get Refunds 35 Cars Towed By Campus Police

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many of the students contacted by phone.

However, police are not required to send an email, according to the 2003-2004 Mary Washington College Motor Vehicle Policy and Regulations Handbook, as long as "all regulations and ordinances are enforced in a consistent manner without preference."

O'Quinn said she has often received emails in the past designating lot closings and felt that the failure to send an email was inconsistent with past practices.

Snipes said he made the decision not to send email notification.

He also said even when emails were sent in the past many students chose to ignore them and it has not been customary for students to receive email for lot closings, unless the lot in question was for student parking.

O'Quinn also said she thinks the time of the sign posting left students with insufficient warning.

According to Snipes, the signs, which designated reserved parking from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Saturday, were posted at 5:10 p.m. Friday.

This is 10 minutes after students are permitted to park in faculty lots and only 50 minutes before the reservation went into effect," O'Quinn said.

Snipes said there was a reason for the brief notification.

"Our community service officer who takes care of all the parking issues and everything was on vacation last week," he said. "So I was in charge of taking care of his emails and doing the parking as well. If he had been here the lot would probably have been posted on Thursday."

Many students also said they felt the signs themselves were inadequate.

The signs were yellow sheets of 8 1/2" x 11" paper, stapled within plastic folders to small wooden posts. There were also signs still up from an earlier lot closing, printed on the same yellow paper, using the same font, which stated parking was allowed after 2 p.m.

Many students said they saw these signs and assumed that all the signs were the same.

Barbuto said she had a friend who came to visit her the evening of Friday, Sept. 13.

"My friend drove into the Willard lot but didn't see any parking, so she took one of the parallel spots down the hill," Barbuto said. "When she was walking back up, she said she saw one of the signs, but since it was attached to the island and didn't say 'lot closed' she didn't mention it to me, thinking it only applied to the spots in front of the island, where my car was not parked."

O'Quinn also said she felt discriminated against as a student.

"I think this would have been handled differently if it had been parents or faculty that needed to be towed," O'Quinn said.

Snipes said in a meeting with Willard Hall he gave the command for student cars to be towed.

"My only answer is that the office interpreted that narrowly to mean only students," Snipes said.

However, five visitors to the college were

"Thirty-five people do not choose to ignore a sign," she said. "If you have to tow 35 people, it means they didn't see the sign."

Kelli O'Quinn

"We did not notice any scratches or damage from the towing and he washed it immediately after to get a better look and still found none," she said. "The Shanks employees were suitable impressed by [Plass'] truck and had obviously taken great care not to damage it."

O'Quinn is seeking retribution on behalf of all individuals involved.

In a letter to Snipes, she said, "We feel that our rights as students of Mary Washington College and our rights as citizens have been violated. We want the tickets to be voided, our towing fees to be reimbursed and a mandatory campus-wide email sent 24 hours prior to a lot closing."

But it is the money students are most concerned about.

"I don't know how many police officers we have, but I think I've talked to all of them. They've all been very nice and apologetic but so far no one's offered to pay us our money back," O'Quinn said.

Susan Deedrick, president of the Association of Residence Halls, also had her car towed.

"When I went to pick my car up at the tow station, the people told me that the MWC police had really cut us a break by giving us \$15 tickets instead of \$25," she said. "It's like, oh really, how kind of them."

Senior Sarah McCarthy said she is also upset about the towing.

"They told me it would be \$65," she said. "Do you know how long it takes me to earn \$65?"

However, reimbursement for the towing lies in the hands of Dr. Chirico, the vice president for student affairs and the dean of students.

At first, Chirico said he was reluctant to say whether or not he will reimburse the students. But O'Quinn received a voice message Wednesday night from Chirico saying the tickets will be voided.

"I feel like the ambiguity of the situation is such that I'm going to be either voiding the parking tickets or if they have been paid I will be reimbursing them and the towing," Chirico said.

Chirico said he and the rest of the parking committee will reimburse all of the students from his personal budget. He also said anyone who is not from Mary Washington College and was towed will be included in the refund.

### Correction

In commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Hispanic Student Association will be remembering the life of former Mary Washington College student Jean Donovan. The name of the deceased was incorrectly given as Gabriela Castanada in a story last week.

*It is the policy of The Bullet to correct factual errors in a timely fashion. We welcome your calls at 540-654-1133, or email us at bullet@mwc.edu.*

## The Debate Continues

*Alumni Overwhelmingly Prefer Mary Washington University*

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Mehfoud, chair of the committee, wouldn't allow her to put the name forward in a motion. The name University of Mary Washington College was also denied in a motion by Mehfoud.

"I don't think Mary Washington College should even be considered, as the committee before us has already approved the move to university status," Mehfoud said.

Carter Hudgins, chairperson and distinguished professor of History said, "The question is what will the college be like in twenty years? We need to find a name that is robust."

Larry Penwell, faculty member of the committee and professor of Business Administration, sees the university as growing, perhaps exponentially.

"In twenty years there may be several different schools, for example a school of health education," he said.

Mehfoud began the meeting under similar pretenses.

"We need something that will distinguish all the entities under one name, tying together two very distinct student populations," Mehfoud said. "We will preserve the name of Mary

### Question and Answer forum:

Oct. 2 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Monroe Hall room 104

Oct. 9 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Monroe Hall room 104

### Image and Name Committee:

Oct. 21 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Red Room of Woodard Campus Center

For more information, check out <http://www.mwc.edu/university/>.

Mary Washington College, should be fully represented in whatever name is chosen. It has a lot of history, prestige, and meaning."

Logos and designs will be created by Stamats Communications Inc., the company in charge of the college surveys and voted upon at the next meeting.

The survey was collected and presented by Lorna Miles Whalen, principal consultant for Stamats.

## Raise Depends On State

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foundation monies which are outside state funds, those are difficult questions that need to be looked at," said.

Anderson said foundation monies are earmarked for student scholarships and there is no fund that can be used for "across-the-board increases."

Classified employees would like to see a salary increase, said Stuart Sullivan, director of Contract Services and Utilities.

According to college documents, most groundskeepers and housekeepers earn about \$16,500 a year.

"That's very difficult for them, I'm sure," Sullivan said. "I almost say they're the best budget people I've ever seen, because how do you survive on \$16,000 a year?"

Sullivan said most of his employees work two jobs in order to make ends meet.

"It's frustrating at times, especially when you see people doing a really fantastic job when the salaries are what they are," he said.

Sullivan said their economic fate lies with the Virginia General Assembly.

Hurley said the state prohibits the college from raising the salaries of classified employees, only the General Assembly can raise these salaries.

Such a raise would not be for Mary Washington College employees exclusively, but for all Virginia state classified employees, according to Hurley.

Anderson said the college has no recourse other than the state.

"They're two entirely different systems and you can't interchange the money," Anderson said.

Hurley said he is frustrated with the state's control over payroll matters.

"I would much prefer to operate in an environment where we can spend and save money as necessary," he said.

Anderson said the college hopes to lobby the General Assembly to include Mary Washington College's classified employees into the more lucrative Northern Virginia pay district.

"What we are doing is asking the General Assembly to put our classified employees in the Northern Virginia pay district," Anderson said. "They're not in the Northern Virginia pay district now. If we got them into that pay district, they would automatically get pay raises. Not all positions would qualify; most positions would and the range would likely be significantly more than a three percent increase for the positions that do qualify."

Anderson said he is optimistic that the General Assembly will give the classified employees a raise.

Nissim-Sabat said the current relationship between faculty and the General Assembly is not conducive to gaining a pay raise. He said forming a faculty union will be the most effective way to get a pay hike.

He said it was critical of Virginia's "right-to-work" laws, which prohibit the formation of such a union.

"There needs to be a union, as a collective force, then you could go and say 'hey!'" he said. "One person going and saying, 'I need a raise,' that's not realistic. That's not the way the world operates. We need to operate as a team and the faculty that have the ability to meet together, I think, have a responsibility to make sure that happens."

# Viewpoints

## Editorial

### Save The Name

Much ink has been spilled about the name change lately. No investigation has been done, though, regarding the true reasons behind a name change. Nobody in the administration has been forthcoming about the reason that this college cannot maintain a female name in its title.

The reason, of course, is that the administration wants to grow the college. This may be a noble cause, it may be good when Mary Washington College becomes a university.

If "Mary" ended up in the new name, it would be difficult to grow our school. "Mary" is the girliest of names. Other, larger universities don't have "Mary" in there names. It seems absurd.

The only college that comes to mind is Mary Baldwin College, and that institution contains only women, and has little interest in growing. Any college with "Mary" in the name isn't going to do much growing; it seems impossible.

But as members of a student body, we are taught that life is difficult. We are taught that even though things are difficult, we ought to do them because it builds our character and so on.

There's no debate that growing this college will be difficult with "Mary" in the title.

Merely because it may be an obstacle, though, does not mean it is the right choice. Men may shy away from the name "Mary" at first. Keeping the name Mary Washington, though, will build our character. "Mary" will add to the charm of this little college in Fredericksburg. Because we made the difficult choice, rather than the easy one, our college will grow and grow fruitfully.

Save the name. Please.

No majors or minors on an MWC diploma. "An academic minor is not, in itself, impressive. It's more window dressing than anything else."

## Mary Washington College

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all other requirements for this degree is hereby declared a*

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*of Mary Washington College*

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## Letters to the Editor

### In Poor Taste

**Dear Editor:**

Two weeks ago, I had the wonderful experience of returning home to my family and loved ones. Excited for my first whole weekend back at home since the start of my freshman year, I packed my things, and of course, I brought along a few print copies of *The Bullet* to share with my family. I should not have had to think twice about that decision.

Everyone in my house could find something positive to say about the issue, and not simply because it had a submission of mine on the second-to-last page. "The front page is a lot better this issue," and other compliments to many parts of *The Bullet* were made, until we reached the Scene section. Taking up half of the page was the weekly question posed to five different students, and this particular week, the question was, "What's your favorite position?"

When my family members read the question and the subsequent answers, they were understandably upset. Instead I heard, "This is

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obscene, this has no place in a newspaper." When I read the column, I agreed. Whoever had planned the section evidently had picked a question (and respondents) that would produce the desired effect: a cheaply designed, sexually suggestive item at which immature persons might chuckle. What other purpose could this have had?

I have seen similar question-and-answer style columns in many papers, and this is generally a great and effective way to connect readers with the newspaper on a more personal level, provided a relevant and appropriate question is posed.

Usually, *The Bullet* manages to meet such a standard in terms of its professionalism and relevance in this column. In this case and in this September 11 issue, however, I believe that the paper failed. I can use a number of words with which to describe this particular addition to the paper, and none of these words are positive.

The simple fact is: I should be able to share my school's newspaper with everyone I know, including my family, without opening a page to irrelevance, unprofessional style, and needless vulgarity.

*Emily Sala is Assistant Viewpoints Editor*

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## Minor Issues at MWC

### Virginia's Look At New Ways to Cut Education Programs

**By Craig Vasey**

**Guest Columnist**

Last week *The Bullet* published an article about the desire of many students to see academic minors introduced at MWC. I was asked to write an opinion piece, but wasn't very inclined. I finally read the article, and then I couldn't resist. I found some quite misleading information in the article, and an extremely misleading proposed solution to the problem.

The State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) monitors, among other things, the "productivity" of major programs. "Major program" has to be distinguished from "department," but the article repeatedly fails to do so. My department (Classics, Philosophy, and Religion) is one department that has, for the purposes concerning SCHEV, three distinct



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graduates every three years." This is not true, and I never said it. I never said it because the issue is not the department, but the major programs. Classical Civilization, not the department, is required to graduate eight per year, for a three year average of twenty-four (the same goes for Religion, Philosophy, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, etc.). If we were looking at the departmental level (but we aren't) that would be 72, not 24, every three years.

The second inaccuracy is a proposed solution reported in the piece. It is attributed to Dan Hubbard of the Business Department, but I refuse to believe it was not meant as a joke. He supposedly said the numbers problem could be solved by combining the accounting department (there is no accounting department in the first place) with the CPR or Physics department. He is quoted as saying "There's no reason we can't have 'music and accounting.'

But people don't want change. They assume all change is bad." If Dan said this, he could not possibly have intended it to be taken seriously. There are many very good reasons why there is



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no such thing as a Department of Music and Accounting. Not to mention, such an idea wouldn't even be considered by SCHEV.

It seems to me that the reason SCHEV has raised the number from five to eight is that the state is looking for ways to make program cuts at Virginia schools; the reason for this is to save money in a time of genuine budget crisis.

If we were to initiate academic minors, and find that several small major programs fell below the new higher number of required graduates (because 66 percent of current double-majors say they would minor instead of doubling), we could anticipate that SCHEV might then pressure the College to close some of those major programs.

That would do nothing so effectively over the long term as weaken the academic quality and reputation of the College: having only introductory level courses (upper level courses enroll primarily in the central

disciplines of the humanities sounds like a community college, not a selective high quality liberal arts college. I do not know what the likelihood of this is, no one does. However, it seems obvious to me that if such a change were to be made, the time to do it would not be when legislators and state agencies are looking around to make budget cutbacks.

If a given student thinks that having the word "minor" in her transcript (instead of noting on her c.v. that she did the equivalent of a minor, but that MWC doesn't name them as such) is such an important value to her, then she shouldn't choose to come to MWC. That's another approach to the issue. It's like the foreign language requirement that students complain about. MWC takes achieving competency in a foreign language seriously, unlike some schools. If you don't want to take it seriously too, then you should not choose this college. We're not guilty of false advertising on these issues.

A last point: an academic minor is not, in itself, impressive. It's more window dressing than anything else. If you want people to be impressed by your academic career, a double-major and a decent GPA are far more likely to do the job than claiming a minor. I don't see the lack of a minor as "negative play" for MWC; on the contrary, it looks like we don't endorse a half measure (a minor is basically a half-major) as being very meaningful. Why don't we claim some credit for that?

*Craig Vasey is Chair of the Classics, Philosophy, and Religion Department*

# Features

## the Bronze

## Age

*Sunless tanning heats up as temperatures cool down*

By MINDY COMPERH  
Staff Writer

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Senior and *Bullet* photographer Anne Litz is one student who applies self-tanner to her skin to stay bronzed.

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Self-tanner, or sunless tanning lotion, now comes in several forms: sprays, lotions, and mousses. It can be found in the beauty supply section of most stores, and usually costs under \$10.

However, self-tanners generally leave more room for error than the other methods. The most common problem is streaking from uneven application. Litz found a way to alleviate this issue.

"At Salono downtown, they will apply self-tanner for you," she said. "My bikini-wax lady did it for me."



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# Sports

## Eagles Continue Winning

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Women's Soccer Ties #23 W&L

The Mary Washington College women's soccer team managed a 1-1 tie with nationally-ranked Washington & Lee University at the Battleground on Saturday. MWC is now 4-4-2 on the season. The Generals opened the scoring with a tally by Kerry Giblin at 29:25, but MWC senior Jessica Hewitt knotted the score on an assist by Joann Walker at 73:28 to knot the score. Neither team scored in either overtime period. MWC will host York College of PA on Saturday at 1 p.m. in a key CAC contest.

### Cross Country Teams Compete at GW Invite

The Mary Washington College cross country teams participated at the George Washington University Invitational on Saturday, with the women finishing seventh and the men placing sixth overall in a meet that was predominately run by NCAA Division One schools.

For the women, who took seventh place among 14 schools with 236 points, junior Erin Connely was the top finisher, in 33rd place at 20:52, followed by senior Caitlin Kinkead in 45th place, at 21:10. Freshman Joanna Long finished third for the Eagles at 21:14 (47th), along with sophomore Whitney Gray at 21:22 (48th).

The Eagles men, who placed sixth among 14 schools with 201 points, were paced by junior Matt Kirk, who finished 24th with a time of 27:20, and Clint Enos, who placed 38th at 28:46. Sophomore Jason Call was third for the Eagles in 42nd place at 29:02, followed by Todd Kronenberg at 29:29 and Richard Bates at 29:30.

Mary Washington will be back in action next Saturday at the Dickinson College Invitational at 10:30 a.m.

1-0-1 week, climbed to sixth in the South Region. The women's team stayed ninth in the Mid Atlantic regional rankings after downing Goucher and tying Washington & Lee this week.



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Eagle's women's soccer.



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Beth Harker.

Erin Connely.

### Field Hockey Stays Ninth in Nation This Week

The Mary Washington College field hockey team remained ninth in the NFHCA National Division III poll, released Monday night. The Eagles, 7-1 on the season, dowed Catholic University, 2-1, and Roanoke College, 4-1, this week.

### Both Soccer Teams Ranked Regionally

The Mary Washington College men's and women's soccer teams are both ranked regionally this week, as the men, on the heels of a

four shots on goal in the second half. Sophomore Brynn Maguire received a green card towards the end of the second half, but only as a warning. Presenting a yellow or red card to a player is more serious, because it recognizes a significant foul.

Coach Dana Hall felt completely confident going into this game.

"I'm never worried about this team," Hall said. "It's a situation where another team has to beat us at our game."



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Eagle's field hockey

**The Eagles will host Lynchburg College this Saturday at 2 p.m. at The Battleground.**



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Eagle's field hockey

## Upcoming Events

October 4-Field Hockey vs. Lynchburg College, 2 p.m.

October 4-Men's Soccer vs. Roanoke College, 3:30 p.m.

October 4-Women's Soccer vs. York College of Pa, 1 p.m.

October 8-Volleyball vs. St. Mary's College of Md, 7 p.m.

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schedules may  
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# Eagles Sink Seahawks

BY BRITT GOTTLIEB  
Staff Writer

With aggressive play from both teams, the Mary Washington Eagles capitalized in the second half, scoring four goals to win the conference game against St. Mary's Seahawks 4-1.

The referee's were very lenient and did not call many fouls. As the teams battled, the aggression got stronger, leading to an injury on the field with 20:40 left in the first half. Senior Roberto Morales went up for a head ball against St. Mary's player Wesley Sawyer. Sawyer fell down to the ground and blacked out. He lay on the field for about 20 minutes until the ambulance came and took him away on a stretcher.

St. Mary's came up strong with 17 seconds left in the first half on a free kick just outside the penalty box. Mary Washington had two scoring opportunities by Morales and freshman Chris Dolan but that wasn't enough for the Eagles. Going into halftime the score was 1-0, St. Mary's.

"I was very disappointed we didn't hold them at the end of the first half, but it was a goal that was a wake up call," senior captain Ryan Kish

said. "I knew if we just went out and played the same way the second half we were going to win, we were dominating, they just had a little luck. At half time I said, 'lets step up the intensity and finish them early.'

In the second half, the Eagles scored three goals within six minutes to take the lead in the game, 3-1. Junior Andrew Shin scored on a cross from Morales, and then three minutes later, Shin scored again off a shot by Dolan.

The first goal was exciting, we were pumped to score, I felt like we gave away the game in the first half by letting them score at the end of the half, so it was nice to get a goal to start us off."

Within the next two minutes, Freshman Bryan Hargrove scored

the third goal off an assist from Dolan as well. To close off the scoring, Freshmen Jeff Corey scored off of a pair of assists by Hargrove, and junior Clint Wivell.

"I felt very good about the half," Mary Washington coach Roy Gordon said. "The difference between the two halves was in the second half their defense got fatigued and we took advantage of that and scored three very nice goals."

Kish said, "I wasn't intimidated at all, I don't think records or standings mean anything, it's all about what you bring to the table on that day, I think the team was ready to take it to them." And they did.



Roberto Morales [www.mwc.edu/hepe](http://www.mwc.edu/hepe)

## Men's Soccer

MWC Eagles  
VS  
Roanoke College

October 4th, 3:30 p.m. @ Mary Washington College



# MLB Playoffs Begin



Kerry Wood and the rest of the Chicago Cubs look Photo courtesy of www.espn.com to claim their first World Series since 1908.

## Name Change Forums

Thursday, 10/2

7:30-8:30 Monroe 104

President Anderson on panel

Thursday, 10/9

7:30-8:30 Monroe 104

## Majors and Advising Night

Tuesday, 10/7

5-7 Great Hall

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# Scene

## Tickets On Sale Now

*Grammy Award  
Winning Band To Play  
at MWC*

**BY BRIDGET MURPHY**  
*Staff Writer*

Sophomore Russ Friedell saw Bela Fleck & The Flecktones at the Bonnaroo Music Festival in Manchester, Tenn., this summer.

"At one point during the show, Fleck and Victor Wooten, the bass player, faced each other and started hitting each other's instruments," Friedell said. "At first, everyone laughed and it was kind of funny. But then, they started playing them. I mean, Victor was facing Bela and playing Bela's banjo while Bela was facing Victor and playing his bass. And it still sounded amazing."

Tuesday, Oct. 7 Mary Washington College will host the Grammy-award winning Bela Fleck and the Flecktones at 8 p.m. in Dodd auditorium.

The student organization Giant Productions booked the group which consists of Bela Fleck, Victor Wooten, Future Man and Jeff Coffin.

Bela Fleck who began playing the banjo in high school made a name for himself when he joined the progressive bluegrass band New Grass Revival in 1982. He formed the Flecktones in 1989. The successful, popular new group blends elements of jazz and bluegrass creating their own unique sound.

"Our concerts tend to be a lot of fun, with the audience playing a big part in encouraging us to do our best," Fleck said. "The musicians I play with in the band are so amazing, it is hard to describe them without sounding like I am full of something."

Bassist Victor Wooten began his musical career at age five with The Wooten Brothers Band. Wooten and his brother, known as Future Man have continued playing together since they joined the Flecktones in 1989.

Future Man, RoyEl, invented many of the instruments that he



Photo Courtesy www.flecktones.com

**Bela Fleck and the Flecktones backstage at a concert.**

plays. He hammers out his percussive techniques on his first invention, the Drumatir. The Drumatir is a guitar shaped instrument that allows Future Man to replicate the sounds of a drum kit. Another advance in musical technology is "The RoyEl," an instrument shaped like a piano which is set up like a periodic table of elements.

Saxophonist/composer Jeff Coffin, the latest addition to the Flecktones, blended in when he came aboard over two years ago. He plays frequently with other artists including Dave Matthews, Bruce Springsteen, Van Morrison and Sheryl Crow in addition to his touring schedule with the Flecktones.

"We have a great time, and feel very fortunate to get to do this," Fleck said.

Junior co-chair of Giant Productions, David Hutchinson was instrumental in bringing the group to campus.

"Simply put, they're world-class musicians," Hutchinson said. "They write great songs but they also are so proficient at their instruments and hear each other so well that the songs take on a different character when played live."

Students can expect to hear some new songs at the Oct. 7 concert.

The group's latest album, "Little Worlds" was released Aug. 12. The triple CD features guest artists Bobby McFerrin, The Chieftains, Jerry Douglas, Sam Bush, Branford Marsalis, Derek Trucks and the bluegrass group Nickel Creek that played at Mary Washington last spring.

"Their new album is a little more musical and involves more complicated time signatures and different keys," Friedell said. "However, it sounds really cool."

The release is the first new studio album by Bela Fleck & The Flecktones since their Grammy-award winning album "Outbound" was released in 2000.

"This is a three CD set that includes many collaborations with our favorite musicians," Bela Fleck said. "It took a year and a half to make, and is our most ambitious effort to date."

According to Hutchinson, the response to the upcoming show from students and the community has been positive.

"We've gotten calls from parents asking how much tickets are for their eight and 12-year-old children and calls from students at UVA who want to know if they can come to the show," Hutchinson said. "It is incredibly rare that Giant is able to find an act with such a wide-

ranging appeal."

Hutchinson also commented on the fan base of the group.

"The music is incredible, but their popularity isn't based on MTV or on popular radio so I think that fosters a sense of community within their fan base—everyone who's into them feels like they're in something special, and Giant Productions is extremely happy to expose more people to that."

Friedell said he's not sure how the students at Mary Washington will react to the Flecktones' show.

"I know [Bela Fleck] will probably sell out, but I think that the vast majority of campus doesn't know what's coming at them," Friedell said. "On this campus of mainly indie, emo fans, I hope that they will take a step to see some really awe-inspiring music."

The show will take place Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. in Dodd auditorium. Tickets are on sale in the Woodard Campus Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. The cost of the show for Mary Washington students is \$10 and \$20 for non-students. All attendees must be at least 18 with a valid ID or have a valid Mary Washington ID. Food, drinks, cameras and bags will not be permitted in the auditorium.



Photos Courtesy www.mwc.edu/tda/shows/index.html  
**Gillian's death was caused by a fall from a boat's mast due to her own careless actions.**

## Resurrection And Hope Show Postponed Due To Hurricane

**BY BECCA BARNABI**  
*Staff Writer*

Mary Washington College's first theatre production of the 2003-2004 academic year opened this past weekend with a cast of anxious actors. Due to Hurricane Isabel's visit Virginia, the production of "To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday" was not able to open the weekend of September 18-21. Thus, the play was performed for audiences only the weekend of Sept. 25-28.

For a play that was cast, designed, and rehearsed within three weeks, "To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday" was a touching illustration of what can often happen when a loved one is lost suddenly and tragically. Michael Brady's story of death and life, loss and resurrection was perfectly written for a broad audience.

The cast consisted of merely seven actors who were natural with one another and lifelike. Kevin McCluskey's costume design added to the realism of the characters. The lighting design by Julie Hodge was not spectacular, but it was essential. David E. Hunt's set was limiting while also intriguing and comforting.

The production of "To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday" was cast during the first week of classes and rehearsals began the following weekend.

In spite of the brief time to get to know each other and bring their characters to life, the seven actors were successful. Each character was realistic on stage, even the deceased Gillian.

The only character who may have been developed more was Cindy, portrayed by Mary C. Idone. Cindy was among the first characters on stage, along with the widower David,

portrayed by Randy Brown, and David's daughter, Rachel, portrayed by Laura Odegaard. However, Cindy's purpose in the play was not explained until further into the story. In fact, it was not until much later that the audience could be sure she was Rachel's teenage friend, who had a crush on David, and not an older love interest of David's.

According to director Helen Housley, the performers did "a great job in creating truly believable people."

Randy Brown's David was human and real as a man still grieving the death of his wife, Gillian, two years ago, and trying to hide those feelings of loneliness and loss from his family and friends.

In the beginning of the play, David was only passionate when talking of the stars and the waves, or when worried about his daughter. He spoke every night to his dead wife, was out of touch with reality, and out of touch with the living. By the end, David's sudden emotional responses were startling to the audience, especially during his flashback of the moment Gillian fell from the boat mast and died due to her own dangerous behavior.

Not to be soon forgotten are Marie LePage's Esther, Gillian's older sister, and Michael Plummer's Paul. Both characters brought needed comic relief to the play from the moment they were introduced to the audience. Plummer and LePage were very convincing as an older couple living with the regret of not having had children of their own.

Odegaard's portrayal of 16 year old Rachel was complete with teenage angst over liking a



## New CDs This Week

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## Top 3 Movies



1. The Rundown



2. Under the Tuscan Sun



3. Underground

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Senior

Todd Curran,  
Sophomore

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Junior

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Junior



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**Hey Mercedes will perform on Thursday, Oct. 2.**

## Everything For Free

### Class Council and Giant Productions Provide Music, Food, and Cups

BY LESLEY JOHNSON  
*Scene Editor*

Every year, sophomore class council and Giant Productions pull together to host Rocktoberfest. The event consists of free music, food, and cups.

This year's Rocktoberfest will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in front of Lee Hall.

Giant Productions booked the opening band All Bets Are Off, a pop-punk band from Charlottesville, and Hey Mercedes.

"[Hey Mercedes] are just a great, straight-ahead rock band with a very full sound," said Junior Co-Chair for Giant Productions, Dave Hutchinson. "People who like Jimmy Eat World should definitely come out to see Hey Mercedes."

Hutchinson would not disclose how much they are paying the bands to perform, but said they get their money from the Finance Committee.

Class Council provides all of the food.

"Virginia BBQ is making chicken fingers and corn bread muffins for free with soda and free cups," said Sophomore Class Council Secretary, Kristen Borkoski. "It's going to be a blast this

year. Better than ever."

In addition to the food from Virginia BBQ, Class Council bought corn for the event.

According to Steele, last year they only ran out of the corn.

"We grill the corn, which is my favorite part," said Senior Class Council President, Matt Kapuscinski. "I've been grilling it since I was a freshman. It's a long standing Rocktoberfest tradition. You smell like the grill for the rest of the week."

Students should arrive early to ensure that they get food before Class Council runs out; not to mention, to get a free cup because they will go quickly as class council only ordered 800.

The cups are a different style this year. Instead of the typical 16 oz. cups they usually hand out, class council has ordered larger cups, which will hold 22 oz.

"College kids never refuse free food or cups so the event is always a hit," said Sophomore Class Council Publicity Chair, Janet Pinkston. "It's a lot of fun for everyone just to hang out and listen to bands and eat free food too. It's just a great time."

If students need a free, stress reliever, then they should make an appearance at Rocktoberfest this Thursday.

"Rocktoberfest is always an incredibly fun event because of the atmosphere. Class Council brings in great food, Giant brings in great music, and the students bring their enthusiasm," Hutchinson said.



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**Class Council members Matt Kapuscinski, Andrew Dawson, Frank Puleo III, Matt Rogers, Jan Pinkston, Stephanie Eyes, Tricia Piccinino, Kristen Borkoski, Danielle Steele, Katie Jensen, and Ashley Huff. Both Class Council and Giant Productions host Rocktoberfest.**



Photo Courtesy [www.mtv.com](http://www.mtv.com)  
**Hey Mercedes' new CD, *Loses Control*, debuts Oct. 7.**

## Minor Delay For Opening

From **PLAY**, page 8

sister-in-law's grief. He had little interest in the living, but in a way it was the deceased, Gillian, that was able to bring him back to the living. During David's moments of unreality, Gillian kept urging David to move on because "life goes on and on and on."

The costume design was simple, but perfect. Each character had his/her own style, from Rachel's peasant top, short shorts, and bikini to Paul's brightly colored Hawaiian style shirts.

David's wardrobe, as explained by costume designer Kevin McCluskey, consisted of dark colors at the beginning of the play when he was

still deep in grieving, and became lighter once he decided to move on.

"To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday" was a heartwarming story about the importance of moving on and living in spite of tragedy. Helen Housley observed, "Given the gravity of the last few years, it's not a bad message to get."

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# Parking Not Pretty

## Its A Parking Space, Not A Hoard

By James Tramel  
Viewpoints Editor

It's 4:30 a.m. I'm on my way to work. It's just starting to get cold outside at this time of the year, near 40 degrees.

There are lots of gorgeous parking spots in front of my wonderful apartment at MWC.

My car, however, is nowhere near any of them.

Instead there is a car in front of my apartment that's been sitting there for about two weeks. It has a car cover over it, for goodness' sake.

It has done nothing but sit there, sit there, and sit there.

Passing the nice car, which I have no idea how a college student could afford, I take the extra five-minute walk down to the William street lot, in the dark, in the

cold, past the pretty car.

Oh, folks, reality check. This article is about common courtesy, and giving the greatest advantage to those with the most need.

**"This is about common courtesy to each other, and giving the greatest advantage to those in the most need."**

It's not a selfish ethic to hoard parking spaces; rather a plea for that to stop. Please, don't get me wrong. I don't care where people park. It's a free for all out here, and that's great.

I also enjoy walking. It gets my heart rate up, and allows me to enjoy the gorgeous campus scenery facing William street, which now includes a lot of sumptuous tree stumps thanks to the hurricane.

But people, please.

There are a number of us who work while we're in college. We pay for things, like tuition, books, food.

Work requires us to drive places, at least to places where you can make over minimum wage.

We work a lot, some of us almost every day (yes including weekends, which, yes, include Friday).

I have nothing against those of you who don't work, don't commute, etc. I'm very happy for you.

All I'd like to do is make your life a little more pleasant, and mine too.

Here's my suggestion.

If you

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don't have to drive your car every day, or maybe just on weekends, park in the William Street lot, if you live in the apartments.

If you drive your car just once a week, park in the William Street lot.

If you drive from the apartments to Goolrick, I think you're an idiot, but do whatever pleases you.

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If you put a car cover on your car because you're not driving all semester, PARK IN THE WILLIAM STREET LOT.

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It does the body good.

And it helps me, and the rest of us who work on a daily basis who would like to save as much precious time as we have by walking just a little less each day.

Especially for those of who wake up at the crack of dawn in the morning (and I know of at least three of us who do that in the apartments).

So c'mon, give us a break.

Do something for yourself, and just park a little farther a way.

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Unless you're some kind of a neophyte scorpion that can't bear to have your precious car that'll die in 10 years anyway more than 10 feet away.

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What are you thinking?

Bongos?

James Tramel is a senior



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What to do...Where to go?!

October 2 - October 8



Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Professor Warren Rochelle will read Fred Chappell poetry, Oct. 2, 5p.m., Combs 139	1st Annual Wellness Fair 4-7pm in front of Lee Hall.	Film Committee presents <i>Charlie's Angels</i> at 7 p.m. and <i>Legally Blonde II</i> at 10 p.m. in Dodd \$1	Film Committee presents <i>Charlie's Angels</i> in Dodd. 2 p.m. \$1.			
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## The New Language On Campus

### Farsi Gains A Following As Professor Teaches For Free

**By MARY DAVID**  
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Associate Professor Mehdi Aminrazavi is voluntarily teaching Farsi, a language spoken in areas ranging from the Middle East to India, through individual study as an option to fulfill Mary Washington College's foreign language requirement. It is taught every Friday in Trinkle Hall and can be taken up to the intermediate level.

Aminrazavi is teaching the class due to a high level of student interest and since it is not offered as a regular course through the department of modern foreign languages he is teaching it for free.

"In the post 9-11 period there's a lot of employment for people who know Farsi," he said. "People majoring in political science, international affairs and business and hoping to work for the government are interested."

Because it is not offered as a regular course, the class is taught on an individual basis.

"I have pushed that someone in foreign languages should teach Arabic and perhaps other Non-Western languages but haven't been successful," he said.

Aminrazavi teaches Islam and neuro-theology in the department of classics, philosophy and religion.

The Farsi class is writing intensive and focuses on grammar and syntax.

Students are given a number of pages to translate each week. Aminrazavi corrects their work and goes over the problems with them.

"Translating is a good way to teach because you are forced to learn vocabulary and how to write," he said. "For career purposes, [the] government mainly wants [people] to translate documents."

Student Zeke Cassock said the hardest part about learning Farsi is understanding the pronunciation.

"There is a hard A and a soft A, a hard E and soft E," Cassock said. "The soft vowels are not written in the real world."

The course is broken up into four semesters. The first year consists of elementary Farsi I and II. The second is intermediate I and II.

"By the end of it I expect them to have an intermediate level of competence in reading and

writing and some comprehension of the spoken language," Aminrazavi said.

Reasons why students choose to study Farsi vary. Kristin Fleetwood, a sophomore who studied Farsi with Cassock last semester, was interested in it as a hobby. She ultimately wanted to learn Arabic and thought it was a good way to get her foot in the door.

"I'm 1/4 Lebanese and I thought it would be cool to learn Arabic," Fleetwood said. "Zeke told me Farsi is about 60 percent Arabic so I thought it would be interesting to learn Farsi and gain enough proficiency that I would be able to go on and learn Arabic later."

Cassock said he studies Farsi with the goal of applying it to his profession.

"I hope to get real political- and world experience from reading and understanding," Cassock said. "I plan on using Farsi in my career. It is my career goal to be employed by the National Security Agency."

Cassock said he became interested in Farsi long before coming to the college.

"I was always interested in the Middle East, especially Persian," he said. "In the year 2000 I was on a plane and was listening to the radio and the Middle Eastern channel seemed so intriguing. I heard the language in Persian for the first time ever and immediately fell in love with it."

Cassock was in Aminrazavi's Introduction to Islam class and started learning Farsi from him soon after it began.

"He was tutoring me little by little for a few minutes after each class," Cassock said.

Afterwards, Cassock tried to organize an entire Farsi class.

"I made a flyer and made about 30 copies and just put them in all the good spots I could think of," he said. "I got 35 names of people who were interested."

However, the class didn't pan out because Aminrazavi could not teach Farsi classes on top of his other classes.

"It would have prevented me from teaching my regular courses," Aminrazavi said. "I'm not a language teacher. [But] I would be willing to start it to show there is an interest on campus."

Cassock said he enjoys the nature of the individualized study with Aminrazavi.

"The one-on-one class is really helpful," he said. "I prefer the one-on-one [to a classroom



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**Associate Professor Mehdi Aminrazavi illustrates a concept in Trinkle Hall.**

setting."

Aminrazavi said teaching Farsi on an individual basis makes it more challenging.

"It is more rigorous than a regular class because it's one-on-one, so you have to pay a lot of attention," he said.

However, Fleetwood said learning in a full classroom would have been ideal for her.

"I would have preferred to learn it in a class because it immerses [you] in the environment more," she said.

Although Fleetwood is pursuing other languages at this time, she encourages students to look into taking Farsi.

"I strongly recommend [it] because it's such a totally different language," she said. "Here at Mary Washington we're offering all these European languages, some of which aren't even spoken anymore. [But] Farsi is a modern spoken language. It has great implications to get a job in National Security or Intelligence. It's a great language for the way the world is today with the focus on anti-terrorism."

Professor Aminrazavi said he agrees.

"The possibility that a student who knows Farsi to find employment is far greater than a student who knows Spanish or French in post-9-

11," he said.

Cassock said Farsi is a worthwhile option for reasons outside of profession.

"It's such a beautiful and poetic language," he said.

Aminrazavi said he would be more than happy to take on other students who would like to learn Farsi.

"I like to see a student be able to read and have access to a different world," Aminrazavi said. "Every language is like a key that opens to a new world."

Aminrazavi said he doesn't mind teaching the class for free because he thinks it is a relevant language. However, he said he hopes the department of foreign languages will look into offering more languages, Farsi among them.

"As far as offering Non-Western languages is concerned, Mary Washington is way behind other colleges," Aminrazavi said.

"[The] time has come for us to step outside. They can teach all the French, German, and Spanish they want to fulfill the requirement, but the world we live in is such that knowing Arabic and Farsi itself provides you with a career. It's imperative that we seriously consider offering these courses."

## Frat Party Busted For Drinking

### Houston's Faces Charges For Contributing To Underage Alcohol Consumption

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On Friday, Sept. 12, the fraternity Psi U held the "Endless Summer Beach Party" at Houston's Steakhouse and Saloon on Princess Anne Street.

However, after just a few hours the party was shut down.

According to Jim Shelhorse, the Fredericksburg Police Public Affairs Officer, the police responded to a noise complaint.

"Someone called the station reporting that there were students in the parking lot who were obviously intoxicated," Shelhorse said.

After the complaint was called in, the police headed over to Houston's where they arrested three people in the parking lot, Shelhorse said.

Shelhorse said three Mary Washington College students, freshman Joel Hirsh, 18, sophomore John William Madtes, 20, and freshman Matthew Stahlman, 18, were arrested on charges of public drunkenness.

Hirsh, Madtes and Stahlman were all under 21, which also appeared to be a problem inside Houston's, according to Shelhorse.

Shelhorse said after the students in the parking lot were arrested, the police went into Houston's to speak to the management about the arrests.

Shelhorse said when the police entered the building, they were taken aback at what they saw.

"[Houston's] was serving pitchers of beer on tables," he said. "There was no control at all."

Houston's was contributing to underage drinking because they were serving pitchers of beer to a whole table rather than to individuals and there was no one stopping minors from drinking from the pitcher, according to Fredericksburg Police.

Immediately afterward, Houston's made the decision to shut the party down, according to Shelhorse.

Hirsh said he had left Houston's right before the decision to end the party early had been



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street, thinking he was just messing with me or something, asked a cop how I was supposed to get home and right then he cuffed me."

According to Hirsh, the police officer arrested Hirsh immediately for trespassing. Hirsh was then given the choice of whether he'd rather take charges for public intoxication or trespassing and after being told trespassing was a greater charge, took the public drunkenness charge.

"My wallet was found a few days ago with the debit card and money missing," Hirsh said. "But I'm still missing my cell phone and my shoe. It's not the police I'm pissed off at, it's the bouncer who was being a dick."

Noah Sanders, president of Psi U, declined to comment in an email statement.

Houston's also did not respond, despite numerous messages left with the establishment.

Brian Asman, an alumnus of Psi U who graduated from Mary Washington College last spring, said he is still involved in the fraternity and its events, including the beach party.

"What I know is that kids were kicked out for drinking underage," Asman said. "The cops then came to Houston's and from there the management made the decision to shut the party down due to what the cops had told them."

Asman said the way the fraternity works, Psi U sets up parties through venues such as

Houston's so they are not responsible for issues such as underage alcohol consumption.

"[Psi U] is not at fault at all," Asman said. "We were not in charge; that's why we contract Houston's."

Asman said the fraternity is looking at other venues for their future parties, but as of right now, nothing has been planned.

"We feel really bad," Asman said. "One of the biggest selling points of the frat is that the parties aren't going to get busted, but we really got screwed over. As far as I know, Houston's was checking IDs and they didn't do anything wrong either. The students who were drinking underage were being kicked out, but if kids are having people who are 21 buy them alcohol or are drinking before they came to [the beach party], that's impossible to control."

Asman said the fraternity is looking at other venues for the future, but nothing has been planned.

"We feel like we really got burned," Asman said. "Really we feel awful for everyone involved, especially the entire campus population. No good came out of this, but we did nothing wrong."

Sophomore Kevin Stallings attended the party and was not pleased with the outcome.

"I paid five bucks and I was only there for two hours," Stallings said.

Stallings said that he didn't see many people drinking who were underage, but admitted to having not been the only one drunk before the party.

"I drank beforehand because I knew I wasn't going to drink inside," Stallings said. "People who weren't supposed to be weren't drinking [inside Houston's] though, most people were dancing and stuff."

Ian White also was a bit upset that the party ended so abruptly and agreed with Stallings that people really were not drinking in Houston's.

"People really were obeying the rules pretty well," White said. "I mean, I don't remember a whole lot, but for the most part if people wanted to drink who weren't 21, they did it beforehand. Underage drinking inside [Houston's] didn't really seem to be a problem, if you ask me."

Houston's was reported to the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) center of the area by

the Fredericksburg Police Department. The local agent for ABC has inspected Houston's and Shelhorse said he believes Houston's will be tried in court soon for underage drinking violations.

According to Sanders in an email statement, Psi Upsilon was founded in 1833 at Union College in N.Y., making it the fifth oldest fraternity in the country. There are 42 active chapters in the U.S. and Canada. Mary Washington's chapter started as a colony from the Phi Beta chapter at The College of William and Mary in 1994.

In 1996, the group received a charter to become an official member of the chapter, Phi Delta. Sanders said currently the fraternity has 23 active brothers.

"We range in all aspects of MWC student life," Sanders said. "From being on the rugby team to the Honor Council. We strive for excellence in all aspects of college life, on and off campus. We have annual food drives, volunteer at soup kitchens, take part in charity walks, Rappahannock River Cleanup, sponsored youth soccer teams and have even co-sponsored the Honor Council's Battle of the Bands. After 9-11 we raised over \$4000 and donated it to the American Red Cross' relief efforts."

The frat is attempting to incorporate themselves into the college community.

"Currently we are in the process of creating a service club (open to all MWC students) in response to the hostility towards us trying to

take part in on-campus service events under the Psi Upsilon," he said. "For example, we were not allowed to host a needy family for Thanksgiving."

Sanders also said the fraternity abides by all Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control laws.

"As a general statement, we are not your stereotypical fraternity guys," Sanders said. "We are not a bunch of womanizing drunks, as some might believe. We are not trying to corrupt the freshmen of MWC by throwing parties."

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